



## Reporting Template

### For Community Representatives on various bodies/ committees

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<b>Name of committee from which the Rep is reporting</b>	Climate and Environment SPC
<b>Date of the meeting</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
<b>Key issues discussed</b>	<p>1- <b><u>Litter plan</u></b> discussed in final form and agreed by the SPC.</p> <p>2- <b><u>Monaghan Wetlands action plan</u></b></p> <p>Shirley Clerkin provided an update to the council on the development of the updated Monaghan Wetlands action plan which has now screened the quantity of Wetlands as well as the quality of each on in the County. Shirley noted that as a result of Monaghan's unique Drumlin topography we have a lot of small wetland areas as well as the large areas such as Slieve Beagh.</p> <p>The biggest threat to these areas is Farming practices and in particular the incremental filling of wetlands and land reclamation schemes.</p> <p>In addition, the increased levels of fertilisers used on lands and agricultural intensification has also led to water quality issues that feed these Wetland areas.</p> <p>In Summary, the updated plan has now provided the council and EPA with a robust database of all known Wetlands so that Habitat and the changing conditions can be measured going forward.</p>

### **3- Climate Action plan update**

Kieran Duffy provided a useful statistical update on how Monaghan County council as a public body were performing against the Climate action targets set. Kieran confirmed that as result of number of positive initiatives introduced by the council Monaghan were on target. PPN Rep. Pat Tierney raised the question about how the wider community in the county were performing against the national 7% per annum reduction targets in areas such as Transport, Housing, Industry and Energy. Kieran confirmed that there is no database of information available at county level to measure the amount of carbon being emitted.

Kieran also identified a lack of funding to support critical roles relating to climate action which will be needed to support any county wide climate change initiatives.

Liam Murtagh requested that the training on Climate change provided to council teams recently be rolled out to all SPC members and then the wider PPN groups.

### **4- Poultry Impact report- commissioned by Fehily Timoney for the EPA.**

The findings in the report confirm that the poultry industry particularly in the north and northwest of the county is having a detrimental effect on air quality.

Councillor Coyle outlined the important contribution being made by the poultry industry in Monaghan which supports many farmers, feed businesses and factories.

Liam Murtagh made the Point that the SPC has been set up to discuss the environmental aspects raised within the county and not the financial or economic elements

Shirley Clerkin supported the recommendations from the report which recommend a reduction of the intensive poultry units within a 10Km radius of an SAC.

A special task force is to be set to implement the action and to provide consultation to community, farmers, and Industry.

<b>Key decisions made</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The litter plan proposed was agreed by Councillor Treanor and seconded by Councillor Coyle.</li> <li>• Task force to be set up to review and implement findings of the poultry report.</li> </ul>
<b>Action(s) required from the PPN:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up on Climate training for the REPS and wider community groups</li> </ul>
<b>Issues the PPN should be aware of:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monaghan County Council does not hold any data on the quantity of carbon emitted at a full county level which includes community, industry, housing, energy and transport.</li> <li>• The council cannot secure funding from central government to recruit additional staff to assist in the roll out critical climate change initiatives planned in the coming years.</li> </ul>
<b>Date &amp; location of next meeting</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021
<b>Any other Comments</b>	Liam Murtagh raised that sustainable tourism topic and in particular the 'Lough Muckno Vision' and has requested that this area is discussed the next meeting

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